

While each neighborhood is unique, all face very similar issues and challenges. From the basics of organizing to addressing the complicated issues of public safety, this conference provides a great opportunity for you to attend information-packed workshops, listen to thought-provoking speakers, view a host of exhibitions and take advantage of unparalleled networking opportunities with influential neighborhood advocates and professionals from across the state.

In effort to make the conference affordable for everyone, advance registration is only \$50.00 per person. All registrations postmarked on or after August 25, 2006 are subject to increase to \$65.00. Many of the conference workshops and activities have limited seating, so get your registration in as soon as possible. There will be NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. All registrations must be postmarked no later than September 8, 2006.

## All Youth are Invited!

Youth are our future community leaders. Because of this, morning and afternoon workshop sessions include youth-oriented topics. There is also a fun-filled "Survivor - Youth Night Out!" event planned at the popular Dan Daniel Park on Friday evening with food and beverages.

Please encourage your neighborhood youth to attend this incredible leadership development opportunity!

## All Adults are Invited! The Friday Evening Reception at The North Theatre

Network and mingle with your peers in a relaxed atmosphere while sharing fine finger foods and cash bar at the state of the art restored North Theatre while listening to relaxing jazz music and viewing local art.

### Workshops

#### Session 1—Friday, 9:45–11:30 a.m.

##### 1-A) Gang Awareness - Recognize the Signs\*

Interactive dialogue and real-life learning about the danger of youth involvement in gangs with adults and youth.

##### 1-B) Youth Making a Difference - Part I\*

Youth will discover ways to channel energy toward community problem-solving and neighborhood improvement.

##### 1-C) Collaborating to Design Great Communities

Discover community partnerships for planning inclusive and mixed-use development and workforce housing. Highlight citizen, developer, and government collaboration.

##### 1-D) Affordability Matters! Emerging Trends in Housing

Discover techniques, strategies, resources and partnerships for developing decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities.

##### 1-E) Fair Housing - It's the Law!

Explore regulations governing fair housing law and landlord/tenant relationships.

##### 1-F) Got CERT?

Engaging neighborhood volunteers to participate in your Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

#### Session 2—Friday, 2:00–3:45 p.m.

##### 2-A) Youth Making a Difference - Part II\*

Youth share experiences in developing neighborhood improvement projects. Opportunity for peer-to-peer learning.

##### 2-B) Gang Awareness - Recognize the Signs\* (Repeat of Workshop 1-A)

Interactive dialogue and real-life learning about the danger of youth involvement in gangs with adults and youth.

##### 2-C) Building College and Community Partnerships

Successful training modules that prepare residents to lead civic league neighborhood organizations. Partnerships to harness local resources.

##### 2-D) Making Our Community Better-Together!\*

Public School students teach civic pride through Department of Education Project Citizen Program.

##### 2-E) Bridging the Gap to Our Future

Tap into innovative strategies to help senior and long-serving community leaders prepare the next generation for neighborhood leadership.

##### 2-F) What's YOUR Style?

Understand your leadership style to become a more effective leader.

**\*Ideal for Youth**

### Mobile Tours

#### Saturday, 9:45–11:45 a.m.

M-1) Historic Tobacco Warehouse District Walking Tour — Redevelopment area including converted warehouse into apartments.

M-2) Seeland Crossing/Hope VI Mixed Income Community

M-3) Historic Victorian Homes Walking Tour

M-4) Old 97 Rail Days—Community Market, Science Center, Train Station, Riverwalk Trail

### For Hotel Reservations Contact:

Best Western Windsor Inn & Suites

1292 South Boston Road

Danville, VA 24540

Phone: (434) 483-5000

or

Sleep Inn

1483 South Boston Road

Danville, VA 24540

Phone: (434) 793-6090

**Be sure to mention "VA Statewide Neighborhood Conference" to receive the specially reduced conference rate of \$76.00 + tax per night (single/double rooms only). Reduced rate is available until September 1, 2006.**

## Registration

Please mail your completed Conference Registration Form and fee payable M/RNF to:

VA Statewide Neighborhood Conference

Registration Committee

Melrose/Rugby Neighborhood Forum

1730 Orange Avenue, N.W.

Roanoke, Virginia 24017

**EARLY** Registration: \$50.00

If postmarked on or prior to August 25, 2006

**LATE** Registration: \$65.00

If postmarked after August 25, 2006

No registration will be accepted if postmarked after September 8, 2006.

No on-site registration

Registration is non-refundable

NOTE: Payment **MUST** accompany Registration.

Illegible or incomplete Registration Forms may delay or terminate your registration process.

## Questions???

Call: (434) 799-5260

Call: (540) 342-2763

Visit: [www.vsnconf.org](http://www.vsnconf.org)

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Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Workshop Sessions:

(Use number of workshop to make selection)

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS	Friday Session 1
1st Choice	_____
2nd Choice	_____
3rd Choice	_____

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS	Friday Session 2
1st Choice	_____
2nd Choice	_____
3rd Choice	_____

MOBILE TOUR	Saturday
1st Choice	_____
2nd Choice	_____
3rd Choice	_____

Conference Schedule

September 21 - 23, 2006

Thursday, September 21, 2006

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration & Evening Reception with Icebreaker

Friday, September 22, 2006

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Welcome Breakfast  
**Breakfast Speaker**  
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Break + Exhibits  
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Workshops-Session 1  
11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Break + Exhibits  
11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Awards Luncheon  
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Break + Exhibits  
2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Workshops-Session 2  
3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibits & On Your Own  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adult Reception  
(light fare) Youth "Survivor" Event  
7:00 p.m. - Until On Your Own

Saturday, September 23, 2006

8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Registration  
8:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at Host Hotels  
9:45 a.m.- 11:45 a.m. Mobile Tours  
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Break + Exhibits  
12:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Power Luncheon  
Closing Ceremony

**Luncheon Speaker**



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